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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2041

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SUBJECT: OUTLINE OF UN INVOLVEMENT IN NAMIBIA

REF: A. USUN 2000; B. STATE 147230

FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT (INCORPORATING SUGGESTIONS REF B)  
OF PAPER WRITTEN BY CONTACT GROUP FOR DELIVERY TO SYG  
WALDHEIM PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH FONMIN BOTHA PM FRIDAY,  
JUNE 24. PAPER WAS DELIVERED AM JUNE 24 TO ASYG FARAH FOR  
SYG, AND ORAL COMMENTS (INDICATED REF A) WERE MADE TO FARAH  
BY AMB MCHENRY, REPRESENTING CONTACT GROUP:

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QUOTE A POSSIBLE TIMETABLE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES:

1. IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS--ACCEPTANCE OF THE OVERALL PLAN.
2. BY AUGUST 31--
  - A. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL BY SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT;
  - B. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BY SECRETARY

GENERAL;

C. APPOINTMENT OF PANEL OF JURISTS.

3. BY MID SEPTEMBER--

A. ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL TAKES OFFICE;

B. UN PRESENCE ESTABLISHED IN NAMIBIA.

4. BY NOVEMBER 1--RELEASE OF DETAINEES AND RETURN OF EXILES.

5. BY NOVEMBER 1--REPEAL OF DISCRIMINATORY LAWS.

6. BY NOVEMBER 1--ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL RULES FOR ELECTIONS.

7. MAY 1--ELECTIONS.

8. MID-MAY--CONVENING OF CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY.

9. SEPTEMBER 1--CONCLUSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY.

10. NOVEMBER 1--ELECTIONS.

11. DECEMBER 31, 1978--INDEPENDENCE.

ELEMENTS FOR UN INVOLVEMENT

A. UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE:

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THAT THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD, AT ALL STAGES, HAVE TO SATISFY HIMSELF AS TO THE FAIRNESS AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY NATURE OF THE LEGISLATION WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ELECTORAL PROCESS; THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION; AND THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN, THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND THE POLLING.

ILLUSTRATIVE TASKS OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL:

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1. ENSURE REPEAL OF DISCRIMINATORY AND RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION;

2. ENSURE CONDITIONS ARE CREATED TO FACILITATE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND RETURN OF EXILES;

3. PREPARE PROPER ELECTORAL LEGISLATION;

4. ENSURE THAT THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IS FAIRLY AND PEACEFULLY CONDUCTED (E.G. IMPARTIALITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE ELECTORAL REGULATIONS BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND OTHERS, IMPARTIALITY OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION;

5. GUARANTEE AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF INTIMIDATION FROM WHATEVER QUARTER;

6. ENSURE THAT THE PREPARATION OF VOTERS' LIST IS PROPERLY AND COMPREHENSIVELY CARRIED OUT;

7. ENSURE THAT VOTING IS SECRET AND FREE FROM IMPROPER INTERFERENCE BY ANYONE;

8. ENSURE THAT THE VOTES ARE PROPERLY COUNTED AND THE RESULTS PROPERLY DECLARED.

B. PANEL OF JURISTS:

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL APPOINT A PANEL OF JURISTS. THIS PANEL OF JURISTS WILL CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE

SECRETARY GENERAL, HALF OF WHOM WILL BE SOUTH AFRICANS. ONE  
OF THE FOUR MEMBERS WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
AS PRESIDENT OF THE PANEL AND WILL HAVE A CASTING VOTE.

ILLUSTRATIVE TASKS OF THE PANEL OF JURISTS:

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT RELATED TO:

A. ELECTORAL PROCESS;

B. POLITICAL PRISONERS. UNQUOTE

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